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<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
EXAM. INIT.	REF. DES.	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	A	2,457,843	01/04/49	Strickland, Jr.	174	47	09/02/44
	B	2,483,301	09/27/49	Roberds	174	15	10/31/44
	C	2,817,066	12/17/57	Scarpa	336	84	08/11/54
	D	2,988,804	06/20/61	Tibbetts	29	155.57	08/30/57
	E	3,022,368	02/20/62	Miller	174	15	04/22/59
	F	3,403,240	09/24/68	C.H. Henderson et al.	219	10.49	09/02/65
	G	3,492,453	01/27/70	Hurst	219	10.49	09/17/68
	H	3,535,597	10/20/70	Kendrick	317	155.5	06/20/68
	I	3,764,725	10/09/73	Kafka	174	15	02/01/72
	J	3,946,349	03/23/76	Haldeman, III	336	62	08/03/73
	K	4,317,979	03/02/82	Frank et al.	219	10.77	05/30/80
	L	4,339,645	07/13/82	Miller	219	10.49	07/03/80
	M	4,355,222	10/19/82	Geithman et al.	219	10.57	05/08/81
	N	4,392,040	07/05/83	Rand et al.	219	10.71	01/09/81
	O	4,527,032	07/02/85	Young et al.	219	10.61	11/08/82
	P	4,527,550	07/09/85	Ruggera et al.	128	1.5	01/28/83
	Q	4,549,056	10/22/85	Okatsuka et al.	219	10.77	09/09/83
	R	4,578,552	03/25/86	Mortimer	219	10.41	08/01/85
	S	4,761,528	08/02/88	Caillaut et al.	219	10.491	05/26/87
	T	4,794,220	12/27/88	Sekiya	219	10.491	03/19/87
	U	4,900,885	02/13/90	Inumada	219	10.55 B	02/15/89
	V	4,942,279	07/17/90	Ikeda	219	10.75	12/20/89
	W	4,963,694	10/16/90	Alexion et al.	174	15.6	06/05/89
	X	4,975,672	12/04/90	McLyman	336	198	11/30/89
	Y	5,004,865	04/02/91	Krupnicki	174	15.7	10/10/89
	Z	5,101,086	03/31/92	Dion et al.	219	10.491	10/25/90

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	AA	5,113,049	05/12/92	Border et al.	219	10.79	02/14/91
	BB	5,185,513	02/09/93	Pacileo	219	497	03/22/90
	CC	5,313,037	05/17/94	Hansen et al.	219	632	10/18/91
	DD	5,343,023	08/30/94	Geissler	219	661	08/23/91
	EE	5,430,274	07/04/95	Couffet et al.	219	677	10/07/94
	FF	5,461,215	10/24/95	Haldeman	219	677	03/17/94
	GG	5,504,309	04/02/96	Geissler	219	663	06/07/94
	HH	5,708,253	01/13/98	Bloch et al.	219	130.01	06/07/95
	II	6,043,471	03/28/00	Wiseman et al.	219	662	11/09/98
	JJ	6,124,581	09/26/00	Ulrich	219	665	07/16/97
	KK	6,229,126 B1	05/08/01	Ulrich et al.	219	635	05/05/98
	LL	6,265,701 B1	07/24/01	Bickel et al.	219	617	02/17/00
	MM	6,316,755 B1	11/13/01	Ulrich	219	665	05/19/00
	NN	6,346,690 B1	02/12/02	Ulrich et al.	219	635	09/20/00

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OTHER ART (Author, Title, Journal, Volume, Pertinent Pages, & Date)		
	OO	Mannings U.S.A. Brochure – “Induction Bolt Heating Services”
	PP	Superheat Services, Inc. Brochure – “On Site Heat Treatment Specialists”
	QQ	400 Cycle Induction Heating with proportional control for Preheating and Stress Relieving or Welding Joints, Hobart Brothers Co.
	RR	Installation, Operation, and Maintenance for High Frequency Induction Heaters, Hobart Brothers Co.
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